

CHAPTER 4
SECTION 8.1

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

30000 - 32488, 32500 - 32999, 96570, 96571

II. DESCRIPTION

The respiratory system is comprised of the tubular and cavernous organs and structures by means of which pulmonary ventilation and gas exchange between ambient air and the blood are brought about.

III. POLICY

A. Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the respiratory system are covered.

B. Resection of pneumatoceles is a covered procedure.

IV. EXCLUSION

Lung volume reduction surgery (CPT¹ procedure code 32491) is unproven.

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